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SUBJECT: CENCER CERTIFIED TYPE TESTING

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1. THE MISSION OBTAINED A COPY OF A DRAFT PAPER FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR NORMALIZATION AND CERTIFICATION (CENCER) WHICH OUTLINES THE PROPOSED CENCER CERTIFIED TYPE TESTING SYSTEM. (A COPY OF THE PAPER WAS POUCHED TO EUR/RPE ATTENTION: BRESLER). AS EXPLAINED IN THE DRAFT, CENCER CERTIFIED TYPE TESTING IS BEING PROPOSED AS A WAY OF ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC TYPE TESTING RULES FOR CERTAIN PRODUCT STANDARDS IN THE CEN (EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR NORMALIZATION) COUNTRIES (EC AND EFTA COUNTRIES EXCEPT LUXEMBOURG AND IRELAND PLUS SPAIN). IT WOULD REPLACE THE CURRENT SITUATION IN WHICH NATIONAL TESTING AGENCIES USE VARYING METHODOLOGIES FOR TESTING THE SAME PRODUCT STANDARD. UNDER THE SYSTEM, CENCER WOULD ISSUE SPECIFIC TYPE TESTING RULES FOR EACH PRODUCT WHERE A STANDARD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED ON THE BASIS OF ISO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, EC STANDARDS OR OTHER OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT OR INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. THE CENCER TYPE TESTING RULES WOULD SPECIFY SUCH THINGS AS THE NUMBER OF SAMPLES TO BE SELECTED, THE METHOD OF SELECTION OF SAMPLES, THE METHODS OF

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THE TEST, ECT.

2. TYPE TESTING WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION IN A CEN MEMBER COUNTRY IN EITHER AN APPROVED LABORATORY OR, EXCEPTIONALLY IN A MANUFACTURER'S LABORATORY. A TYPE TEST CERTIFICATE WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE NATIONAL STANDARDS ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF CENCER.

3. THE SECRETARY OF CENCER, H.J. WORCH, SAID THE PROPOSED SYSTEM SHOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT PRODUCTS IMPORTED INTO THE CEN COUNTRIES AND COULD MAKE TESTING EASIER. THERE WOULD BE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF THE APPROVED LABORATORIES IN THE CEN COUNTRIES SO THAT ONCE A PRODUCT RECEIVES THE CEN TYPE TEST CERTIFICATE IN ONE COUNTRY IT WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN OTHER CEN COUNTRIES. WORCH ALSO STATED THAT, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, APPROVED LABORATORIES IN NON-CEN COUNTRIES, E.G., THE US COULD PERFORM TESTING AND GRANT CEN TYPE TEST CERTIFICATES TO THEIR NATIONAL PRODUCTS, WHICH WOULD REPRESENT A BIG ADVANTAGE FOR FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS.

4. WORCH SAID THAT THE CENCER TYPE TESTING SYSTEM WOULD NOT COME INTO EFFECT BEFORE THE END OF 1976 AT THE EARLIEST. THE CENER MARK IS BEING DEVELOPED AS PART OF THE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM. MORRIS

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